

Isabella James

My dear Dr. Gray,

I return Desqueux's letter which you sent me today. I earnestly wish some arrangement could be made to enable him to carry on the work of the Manual, & have it published as speedily as possible - Mr. Desqueux has always written frankly about his limited means & the necessity of his labor bringing him the wherewithal to live - I know the money question is a delicate one to touch upon but could I not advance the money to purchase Mr. D.'s right in the book or in some such way, give him an equivalent for the time he spends in finishing the book - We all feel ready to do something that Mr. James' life work should not be lost to the cause of science, & while I offer out of my own means to carry it forward, my children do the same on their part, & it might

be so arranged that we share the  
expense between us -

I have carefully put away all the  
boxes of MSS. that Mr James  
was working upon at the time of  
his death & would forward them at  
once by Express to Mudgeux if  
he so directs - of course he is quite  
welcome to keep the books belonging to  
Mr James now in his possession -

If it is not too much to ask, I would  
like to see you tomorrow (Friday) after-  
noon or evening to talk over this project  
We are in the midst of moving & in utter  
confusion, but we can still give you a  
chair to sit upon - though most of the  
house is dismantled -

With much love to Mrs Gray

very truly yours

Isabella James -

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